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**For:** Biodegradable Resin, Biodegradable Resin Composition,  
Biodegradable Molded Body, Method of Producing  
Biodegradable Resin

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In connection with the filing of the above-identified application, kindly  
enter the following preliminary amendments.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22.

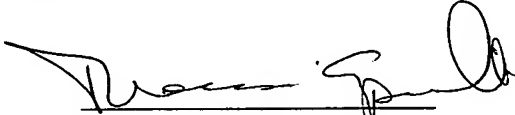
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